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In the Claims

Please delete claims 3-24.

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 25-32 as follows:

1. (Amended) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert, having a tray-like base, a raised end portion, and an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised closed end portion of the laboratory splash pan; and,

an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting the elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan.

25. (New) A disposable barrier as recited in claim 1, wherein said extended perimeter means includes a foldable flap extending around a perimeter of the tray-like base, so as to be folded over the elevated lip of a splash pan.

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26. (New) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert, having a tray-like base, a raised end portion, and an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised closed end portion of the laboratory splash pan;

an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting the elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan; and

a reservoir formed within said insert for retention of a substance.

27. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 26 wherein said reservoir is integrally formed within a bottom surface of said insert.

28. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 26 further comprising a removable cover to secure a substance within said reservoir.

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29. (New) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised enclosed canopy, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert, having a tray-like base, a raised enclosed canopy, and an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised enclosed canopy of the laboratory splash pan; and

an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting the elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan.

30. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 29 further comprising a reservoir formed within said insert.

31. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 29 wherein said reservoir is integrally formed within a bottom surface of said insert.

32. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 29 further comprising a removable cover to secure a substance within said reservoir.